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Fall at RCTR: good food, fresh air, and a little gratitude



Welcome to November at RCTR! Inside this issue you will find winterizing advice, a Thanksgiving recipe, five small thanks, member notices, and a calendar of events and local outings. Enjoy a crisp-air walk, a warm drink, and time with friends this season.

Weather FORECAST

Fri	Mostly cloudy, rain or drizzle possible	**66° F | 46° F**
Sat	Partly cloudy, a shower possible	**60° F | 42° F**
Sun	Partly sunny and dry	**56° F | 42° F**

Valley View, PA 17983. Forecast as of November 4, 2026; conditions can change, so check again before you ride.

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Dirty Santa Toy Run: Sunday, November 8

The Dirty Santa Toy Run charity event, hosted by the Delaware Valley Trailriders, takes place this Sunday, so expect more riders on the trails. Gates open at 8 AM; the marked trail loop is open from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Onsite tickets will be available. About 330 riders are currently pre-registered. A limit is set.

Member Notices

2027 Membership Applications: Renew Now!

2027 membership applications are now available online and in the office! All current memberships and campsites expire December 31, 2026. The owner has once again generously extended the renewal deadline for longtime members through the end of February 2027. This grace period does not replace the renewal requirement: if you plan to ride, camp, or both after December 31, 2026, you must renew your membership and campsite, as applicable.

Turkey Feast / Ride: November 14

Join us November 14 for a day of riding and a Thanksgiving feast! The feast begins at **6 PM at the pavilion**. Turkey will be provided; please bring a side dish to share.

Turkey Ride — earlier that same day: Hit the trails and look for three hidden turkeys. Find one and bring it back to the office to claim a prize!

Thanksgiving Office Closure: November 26

The office will be closed on **Thursday, November 26, 2026**, for Thanksgiving. Wishing you and yours a happy Thanksgiving!

Group Rides: November through March

All group rides from November through March are by appointment only. Call the office to schedule your group ride.

Check Before You Ride

Ask the office which trails are open and review the hunting-season restrictions later in this issue.

Stay Connected

Questions or a story to share? Call the office at 570.682.1075.

Before Your Next Visit

- Check the event schedule in this issue.
- Pick up your 2027 application online or in the office.
- Review hunting-season restrictions and ask which trails are open.
- Make your helmet-strap check part of every ride.

Seasonal Corner

Winterizing Time

Prepare your camper's water system for cold weather using your RV and appliance manuals. Remember exterior showers, filters, and appliances that need separate procedures. Use products labeled for RV potable-water systems, and never automotive antifreeze. If you are unsure, seek professional help.

Five Small Thanks

Name five things that brightened your year: a friend, an outdoor moment, a shared meal, something learned, and an unexpected kindness. Invite each person at your table to share one.

A Little November Kindness

Send a thank-you or lend a hand. Before donating supplies, ask a local organization what it needs.

Tip of the Day

Helmet on? Strap fastened? It's a rule for a reason. Our staff often sees riders wearing helmets without securing the straps. An unfastened helmet WILL come off in a crash. Before riding campground roads or trails, buckle your helmet strap and make this quick safety check part of every ride.

Local To Dos

Every Friday afternoon and evening, Crossroads Farmer's Market, Route 25 between Gratz and Berrysburg

**Schwartz Farms Fall Festival enjoy the vendors, the corn maze, kiddie maze, barrel carts, hayrides, and concession stands every weekend until October 24th! *Pumpkin Hunt for kids and appreciation day at Schwartz Farm 4pm

**November 27 and 28 - Lighting Of the Vineyard @ Benigna's Creek Winery 5-9 pm - Acres of Holiday Lights Illuminating the Vineyard, Horse Drawn Carriage Rides thru the Vineyard, NO Admission - Customer Appreciation Night

Tip of the Day

Thanksgiving Favorite: Cinnamon Apple Cranberry Sauce

From our 2023 recipe archive.

Ingredients

- 2 cups cranberry juice
- 1 (6-ounce) bag sweetened dried cranberries
- 1 cinnamon stick, halved
- 1 cup sugar
- 2 Gala apples, peeled, cored, and diced
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Directions

1. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, bring juice, cranberries, cinnamon, and sugar to a boil; cook 5 minutes.
2. Add apples and cook, stirring occasionally, until tender, about 5 minutes.
3. Whisk cornstarch into 8 ounces of cooking liquid in a separate bowl. Slowly stir it back into the pan, stirring constantly, and cook 5 minutes more.
4. Transfer to a serving bowl and refrigerate until thickened, about 30 minutes. Remove cinnamon before serving.

2026 Events

Nov. 14 Turkey Feast/Ride

RCTR Riding Restrictions 2026–2027 Season

Due to Hunting Activity General Riding Restrictions

No Riding Before 9:00 AM on Saturdays October 3, 2026– January 24, 2027 /No Riding Before 9:00 AM on Sundays October 4 – December 13, 2026

Specific Day Restrictions

No Riding ALL DAY: Monday, November 23 — Black Bear Saturday, November 28 — Deer (Buck) Saturday, December 12 — Deer (Buck)